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IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION)
OF NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC)
SERVICE COMPANY FOR)
AUTHORITY TO ISSUE AND)
SELL NOT TO EXCEED \$55,000,000)
AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT)
OF ITS NEW DEBT SECURITIES)
FOR THE PURPOSE OF)
REFINANCING PETITIONER'S)
OBLIGATIONS WITH RESPECT TO)
CERTAIN JASPER COUNTY)
POLLUTION CONTROL BONDS)

FILED

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INDIANA UTILITY
REGULATORY COMMISSION

CAUSE NO. 42482

You are hereby notified that on this date the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission ("Commission") has caused the following entry to be made:

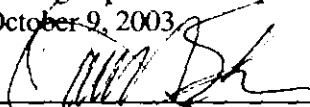
On July 14, 2003, Northern Indiana Public Service Company ("NIPSCO" or "Petitioner") filed its Verified Petition with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission for authority to issue and sell not to exceed \$55,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its new debt securities for the purpose of refinancing Petitioner's obligations with respect to certain Jasper County pollution control bonds. Pursuant to notice and as provided for in 170 IAC 1-1.1-15, a Prehearing Conference was held on August 27, 2003, during which the parties agreed to a schedule for the filing of evidence. The Petitioner was to file its case-in-chief on or before September 4, 2003, and the OUCC and any intervenors were to file by September 18, 2003.

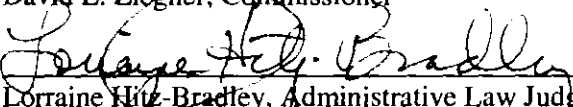
On September 18, 2003, the OUCC filed its *Motion for Extension of Time* ("Motion"), and asserted as grounds for its Motion that the Public had not received Petitioner's evidence. The Public requested two weeks from the date of the filing of Petitioner's evidence for response.

The Presiding Officers in this Cause, having examined the Motion and being duly advised in the premises, hereby find as follows:

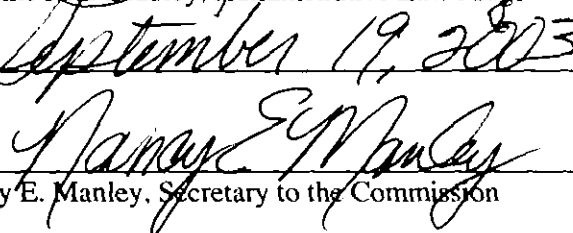
The Public has two (2) weeks from the date of the filing of Petitioner's case-in-chief to respond. Counsel for the parties is advised to coordinate regarding expeditious responses and rebuttal testimony so as to retain the current evidentiary hearing date of October 9, 2003.

IT IS SO ORDERED.


David E. Ziegner, Commissioner


Lorraine Hitz-Bradley, Administrative Law Judge

Date


Nancy E. Manley, Secretary to the Commission